

## DUNNIGAN WATER DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF ELECTION TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Dunnigan Water District (“DWD” or “the District”) provides this Notice pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2 of its election to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) for the area of the basin identified in Exhibit A.

DWD is a California water district formed and operating under the provisions of California Water Code Sections 34000, and following, and has the authority to exercise powers related to groundwater management. The District has territory in Yolo County, and depends on the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin (the “Basin”), an adjudicated groundwater basin underlying the District’s service area, to help meet the water needs of their landowners.

On April 16, 2015, DWD held a public hearing to consider its decision to serve as a GSA for the Basin. The District caused notice of its election to serve as a GSA to be published in the *Woodland Daily Democrat*, *Sacramento Valley Mirror*, *Colusa Sun-Herald*, and the *Red Bluff Daily News* as provided by Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066. Courtesy copies of the notice were also mailed to the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, the County Board of Supervisors, City of Woodland, City of Davis, Reclamation District #108, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Yolo County Water Resources Association. No negative comments were received prior to or at either hearing.

Immediately following the hearing, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.6, DWD adopted a resolution, attached as Exhibit B, electing that DWD shall be the GSA for the area described therein, and setting out a framework for the development, adoption and implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan (“GSP”) for the Basin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) and other applicable provisions of law. The District has not adopted any other bylaws, regulations, or ordinances in its role as GSA at this time.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a)(4) the District will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs. The District has communicated with parties interested in the sustainable management of groundwater in the Basin, and will continue to solicit feedback from those parties as the plan is developed. These interests include, but are not limited to, all of the following:


- *Holders of overlying groundwater rights:*
  - *Agricultural users:* This GSA’s area of the basin is composed almost entirely of agricultural users, most of whom have an existing relationship with the District.
  - *Domestic well owners:* There are domestic wells within the GSA, however, based on the understanding of groundwater conditions that currently exist, or are likely to exist in the foreseeable future, the GSA anticipates that the plan will exclude domestic wells.

- *Municipal well operators:* There is one municipal well operator within the boundaries of the GSA.
- *Public water systems:* DWD believes that the municipal well operator noted above is a public water system as defined in the Health and Safety Code.
- *Local land use planning agencies:*
  - Yolo County: The District provided notice of its intention to serve as the GSA, and will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from the county as the GSA is developed. In addition, the District will continue its participation in Yolo County's groundwater planning efforts.
  - Other Water, Irrigation, and Reclamation Districts outside the GSA boundaries: The District provided courtesy notice of its intention to serve as a GSA to the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, City of Woodland, City of Davis, Reclamation District #108 and Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from these neighboring agencies as the District develops the GSP.
- *Environmental users of groundwater:* N/A
- *Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies:* N/A
- *The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands:* N/A.
- *California Native American tribes.* N/A.
- *Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems. :* N/A.
- *Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the GSA:* The District has a groundwater management plan adopted under Water Code Sections 10750, *et seq.* The county collects groundwater data pursuant to groundwater ordinances. The GSA will continue to coordinate with the county regarding the plan.

The District and other interest holders' roles and responsibilities will be further defined in the plan. The District's staff welcomes feedback during this process from the state and any of the agencies or organizations listed here. If the Department of Water Resources requires anything further prior to the acceptance of this notification of the District's election to serve as a GSA for the defined part of the Basin, please address your concerns to Donita Hendrix, who is the general manager of the District.

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Donita Hendrix, General Manager  
Dunnigan Water District

## EXHIBIT A

### GSA MAP



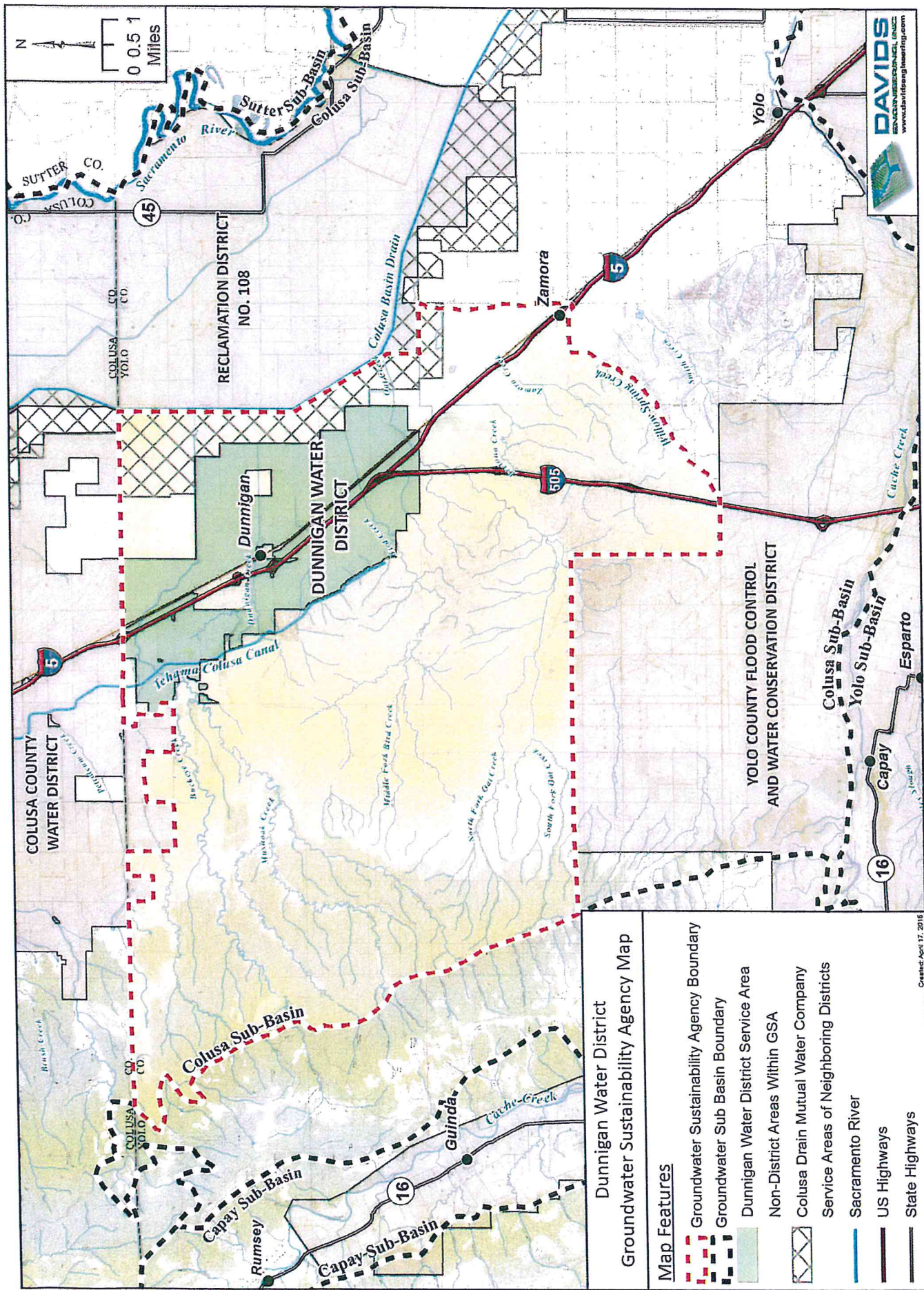


EXHIBIT B  
RESOLUTION



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DUNNIGAN WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01**

**RESOLUTION OF DISTRICT ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT ACT**

AS A BASIS AND PREMISE for this resolution, the Board of Directors of DUNNIGAN WATER DISTRICT ("the District") finds:

1. The California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("the Act"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion.

2. In order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency or combination of local agencies must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency.

3. The District is a local agency, as the Act defines that term.

4. Where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the Act calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner for the common good.

5. The District overlies an unadjudicated basin, the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin (designated basin number 5-21.52 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("the Basin"), and it is appropriate for the District to be a groundwater sustainability agency.

6. It is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other water agencies, the Yolo County Water Resources Association and the County of Yolo ("the County"), as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion.

1           7. Notice of a hearing on the District's election to become a groundwater sustainability  
2 agency for the Basin has been published in the *Woodland Daily Democrat*, the *Marysville Appeal*  
3 *Democrat*, the *Colusa Sun Herald*, the *Glenn County Transcript* and the *Corning Observer* as  
4 provided by law.

5           8. Courtesy copies of the Notice were also mailed to the County Board of Supervisors,  
6 City of Woodland, City of Davis, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Reclamation District #108, Yolo  
7 County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and Yolo County Water Resources  
8 Association.

9           9. On this day, the District held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to  
10 become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") for the Basin.

11           10. No negative comments were presented to the District during the public hearing.

12           11. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Directors engaged in an  
13 extensive discussion with Grant Davids, the District's primary groundwater consultant, and members  
14 of the public who were present at the meeting, regarding the appropriate area that should be included  
15 within the District's GSA activities, and the major factors considered were the following:

16               (a) The location and patterns of use of existing groundwater wells within the  
17 District's legal boundaries;

18               (b) Groundwater use among landowners in areas adjacent to the District, in  
19 particular, those in the area of the recently dissolved Yolo-Zamora Water District; and,

20               (c) The potential to capitalize on opportunities in watersheds that flow into and  
21 through areas relied upon for groundwater use both inside and adjacent to the District for recharge,  
22 which may provide improved sustainability.

23           12. In connection with the discussion set forth in Recital 11, above, the Board of  
24 Directors reviewed a map that presented four alternatives of the GSA area.



1           13. It would be in the best interests of the District to become a Groundwater  
2 Sustainability Agency for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater  
3 sustainability plan.

4           NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, ADJUDGED and ORDAINED as follows:

5           1. The District hereby elects to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency within the  
6 Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin.

7           2. Within thirty days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to  
8 provide notice of this election to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner  
9 required by law.

10          3. One of the elements of the notice to the Department of Water Resources is the  
11 boundaries of the area of the basin or the portion of the basin that the District intends to manage.  
12 Based upon a review of the map of alternatives presented to the Board of Directors, and in view of  
13 the purposes of the Act and the goals of the District as a GSA, the area delineated on the map  
14 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A as the "GSA Boundary" shall  
15 be the boundary of the portion of the Basin that the District intends to manage.

16          4. The General Manager shall begin discussions with other local agencies, with the Yolo  
17 County Water Resources Association and with the County of Yolo in order to pursue the process of  
18 developing groundwater sustainability plans for the Basin. The General Manager is further directed  
19 to develop a plan for the District, or a joint plan with other GSA's with which the District might join,  
20 in consultation and close coordination with other local agencies, as contemplated by the Act.

21          5. The General Manager is directed to report back to the Board at least quarterly on the  
22 progress toward developing the groundwater sustainability plans. The Board of Directors wishes to  
23 move forward aggressively to complete the development of these plans as quickly as may be feasible  
24 and to ensure that the Basin is managed in a sustainable fashion at the earliest possible date.

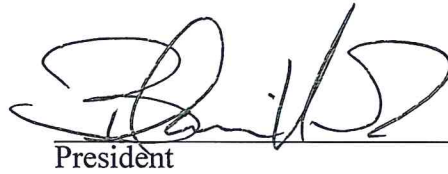
25               PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of DUNNIGAN  
26 Water District on April 16, 2015 by the following vote:

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AYES: Voelz, Henderson, Peterson and Burger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Schaad

  
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President

ATTEST:

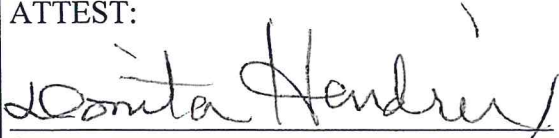
  
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Secretary

EXHIBIT A  
GSA BOUNDARY MAP

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